

“God Speaks” • Luke 1

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Luke 1:5 • “In the days of Herod, king of Judea” | Historical background

Vs 5–7 • Zacharias & Elizabeth _____

Vs 8–12 • Angelic visit in the temple _____

Vs 13 • Their petition _____

Vs 14–17 • Their son’s ministry _____

Vs 18 • Zacharias’ disbelief _____

Discuss • Talk about Zacharias and Elizabeth remaining faithful in their dark and perverted culture. What can we learn from them?

Vs 19–20 • STUDY ON PRAYER

1 • Zacharias had small faith, yet God answered his prayer. Like the father of the sick child in Mark 9:20–29 • *Lord I believe; help my unbelief*
Lesson → *It isn’t great faith that moves mountains, but rather, faith in our Great God who loves to move mountains in response to prayers of mustard–seed–sized faith in Him.* _____

2 • Like Zacharias, let’s pray for outrageous, audacious things _____

3 • But unlike Zacharias, let’s pray BELIEVING, because God might just want to show up in a big way _____

4 • But we must trust God to answer *according to His plan, not ours!*
Our job is to continue to follow, trust, and hope in Him, whether He answers according to our will or not. _____

Discuss • Do you tend to have “big” faith or “small” faith? What change should you make to your beliefs about faith?

Vs 57 • All we astonished they chose the name “John” for their kid, instead of Zach Jr. Why? (an OT connection) _____

Vs 64–66 • Zacharias gets his voice back, and people take notice

STUDY ON GOD’S SILENCE

1 • God is often “silent” in scripture, but then He speaks in a BIG WAY: _____

2 • When God is “silent” this doesn’t mean He is deaf or distant. Maybe He is just waiting for the right time to speak. (Psalm 13:1–6) _____

3 • God IS speaking. We have His Word, His Spirit, His Gospel, and His Presence. GOD SPEAKS—WE MUST LISTEN _____

Discuss • Is God more “silent” or “shouting” in your life? How do you hear Him best?